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I wish to express my support for the "Health Insurance Amendment (Medical Funding for Certain Types of Abortion) 2013.

The act of love making between a man and a woman is one of nature's greatest gifts to humankind. No act of any Parliament can justify the destruction of the product of this act.

In a recent Galaxy Research survey Australians were asked if abortion is justified due to the sex of the child, 92% of respondents were opposed to abortion under these circumstances. Only 6% were in favour. Such figures cannot be ignored.

Medicare Funding should not be used for abortion under these circumstances. Nor should it be used for "family balancing". Some ethnic groups present in Australia have a preference for a male child. Again we say Medicare Funding must not be used to terminate female children.

As Australian we believe in a "fair go for all". It is at the heart of who we are as a nation. It is fair to say the majority of Australians (92%) are opposed to Medicare Funding for Gender Selection.

It is time to draw a line in the sand.

Yours faithfully

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